



# Wylie City Council

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## **Minutes Special Called Work Session**

### **Wylie City Council Meeting**

March 29, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Wylie Municipal Complex – Council Conference Room  
300 Country Club Road, Bldg. 100  
Wylie, TX 75098

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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*Announce the presence of a Quorum.*

Mayor Eric Hogue called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. with the following Wylie City Council members present: Mayor pro tem Red Byboth (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Councilwoman Kathy Spillyards, Councilman Carter Porter, Councilman Rick White, and Councilman Bennie Jones. Councilman David Goss was absent.

Staff present included: City Manager, Mindy Manson; Assistant City Manager, Jeff Butters; Library Director, Rachel Orozco; Public Information Officer, Craig Kelly; Senior Planner, Charles Lee; and City Secretary, Carole Ehrlich.

#### **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Public Information Officer Kelly gave the invocation and Assistant City Manager Butters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **WORK SESSION**

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- **Planning the Grand Opening of the Wylie Municipal Complex** (*City Council*)

Mayor Hogue reported there were only 50 days remaining before the scheduled date for the Grand Opening of the Municipal Complex (June 18, 2011). He asked the Council, based on the small window of time and other factors such as: staff time to organize a large daylong event, confirmed funding for the event, and with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Wylie happening in the next year, would it be better to combine the fund raising for the events and scale down the Municipal Complex Grand Opening and continue the celebration and fund raising into the next year for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mayor Hogue stated that currently the daylong event was estimated to run in the neighborhood of \$250,000. Would there be enough time to obtain that kind of funding prior to the June date? Council members discussed the likelihood of accomplishing the planning and fund raising for the June 18<sup>th</sup> timeframe. Councilman White had concerns with regard to how much funding could be raised in a short amount of time. Mayor Pro Tem Byboth commented that sponsorships could not be started until the committee had verification of what would be offered for those sponsorships. Byboth reported that a few companies had stated they would donate but no dollar amount was confirmed.

City Manager Manson explained that it would take at least three staff members per committee working a few hours per day on the project as it is currently planned. Manson stated "there were many plans that needed to be completed in a very short amount of time such as maps, VIP parking, advertising, and logistics for the event. Manson noted that she felt something on a smaller scale with ribbon cutting and fireworks might be more doable.

Councilman Jones noted that if staff felt the event should be sized down that he was in agreement. Council members concurred.

Council direction was to set the event for June 18, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Council directed committee members (Council) and staff to bring back options for logistics, ground breaking ceremony, estimated costs for the event, sponsorship packages, fireworks, food vendors and entertainment for further discussion at the next work session to be held April 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m..

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman White to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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**Eric Hogue, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Carole Ehrlich, City Secretary**